

# BOB FELLER'S ★ ALL-STARS ★

## PRESS RELEASE

Bob Feller's All-Stars have the nucleus of a powerful football team in Sam Chapman, 190-pound Philadelphia Athletics' outfielder, and Spud Chandler, sturdy New York Yankees' pitcher... Chapman was an All-American halfback at the University of California in 1937 and figured prominently in the Golden Bears' 13-0 victory over Alabama in the Rose Bowl... Chandler was a unanimous all-Southern election who made several All-American teams as a back... He first appeared in Yankee Stadium as a highly touted University of Georgia football player, in fact, and in a game against then powerful N.Y.U. he punted 92 yards from behind the goal posts.

Chapman and Chandler are college graduates, as is Charley Keller, the Yankees' muscular outfielder who also will tour with Feller's team... Keller wasn't permitted to play football at the University of Maryland because he was too brilliant a baseball prospect, but he was a good basket ball player... Mickey Vernon, another of Feller's All-Stars, attended Villanova for a year, while Jeff Heath went to the University of Washington for two years and Johnny Berardino attended Southern California for three years.

Twelve members of Feller's club were in the service... Berardino was in the Army and Navy, receiving a medical discharge from the Army, then enlisting in the Navy... Eleven Feller All-Stars have played in the annual All-Star game between the American and National League... Seven of them played in the 1946 game... Among those not on the American League club that day was Berardino, a fact that annoyed many sports writers because Johnny was hitting .343 at the time... Ken Keltner has made the American League All-Star squad five times.

Stan Musial, another Feller All-Star, won the most valuable player award in the National League in 1943, leading the league in batting (.357), hits, total bases, doubles, triples and slugging percentage... That same year Chandler won the American League award with 20 victories against four defeats... Feller was named by The Sporting News as the No. 1 major league player of the year in 1940.

Bobo Newsom, one of Feller's pitchers, hurled nine hitless innings for the St. Louis Browns against Boston in 1934, but allowed a hit in the tenth inning and lost, 2-1... Keller, named the top minor league player of the year in 1937, twice has led the American League in home run production and was the hero of the 1939 World Series, blasting three home runs and hitting .438 against the Cincinnati Reds.